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**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LONDON AMBULANCE SERVICE
UNISON BRANCH**

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to you as the Regional Officer responsible for UNISON members employed in the London Ambulance Service, and acting as the Returning Officer for the UNISON Branch elections for the year 2009.

First, I would be grateful if you could note in your diary that the Branch's Annual General Meeting will take place:

On: WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009
Time: 6PM (buffet available after the meeting)
Venue: GASCOIGNE ROOM
UNION JACK CLUB
SANDELL STREET, LONDON SE1
(OPPOSITE WATERLOO EAST STATION)

If you do not know the location of the Union Jack Club, please contact me.

All members of the UNISON Branch are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting and it is important that as many members as possible do attend in order to make it a representative meeting.

Prior to the Annual General Meeting, the UNISON Branch Officer elections will take place. As Returning Officer, I am hereby inviting nominations for the following Branch Officer posts. (I list below for information the name of the current post holder)

Branch Officer Post	Post holder
Branch Secretary	Eric Roberts
Branch Chair	Eddie Brand
Branch Vice Chair	Sarah Hardy
Branch Treasurer	George Achilles
Health & Safety Officer	Ian Lee
Equalities Officer	Pete Hannell
Labour Link	John Gough
Membership & Recruitment Officer	Dave Smith
Welfare Officer	Andrea Shields
Communications Officer	Rob Sydney
Branch Education Officer	Mark Belkin
Minute Secretary	Paul O'Neill

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Those nominated for the Labour Link Officer must be members of the Labour Party.

Separate arrangements will be made for retired members to elect the Retired Members Officer.

Nominations must be received in this office by 5p.m. on 9 February 2009.

Members can nominate any individual member of the Branch for any of the above posts (with the proviso above concerning the Labour Link post). If you do wish to nominate any branch member to one of these posts, you should do so on the form enclosed. Please note the Branch Election Rule that applies:

“Any nominations must be made on the form available and will only be accepted as valid if signed by two (2) full members of the Branch, who are eligible to vote in the election, neither of whom is a nominee, and signed by the nominee as an indication of acceptance of nomination. Completed nomination forms must be returned to the Returning Officer by the date specified in the timetable”.

A full set of Branch Rules and Branch Election Rules are available from this office, and can be supplied to all those nominated.

Should an election prove necessary, ballot papers will be distributed during the week commencing 16 February 2009, and ballot papers will need to be received in this office by 5pm on 16 March 2009. Anyone who does not receive a ballot paper should contact this office. If at this stage you are aware of any information we may hold on you being incorrect, for example whether you have moved either workplace or home address or have a new telephone number, I would be grateful if you could let me know.

If you have any other queries please contact me at the Regional Office. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

PHIL THOMPSON
Regional Organiser,
Returning Officer

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